

Present:

Mayor Joe L. Piccolo

Councilmembers: Pat Larsen, Finance Director
Rick Davis Nick Tatton, Community Director
Kathy Hanna-Smith Laurie Tryon, City Recorder
Richard Tatton
Jeanne McEvoy (via phone)

Others Present:

Excused Absence: Councilmember Nielson

Mayor Piccolo opened the meeting at 12 noon. Councilmember McEvoy joined the meeting via telephone. Councilmember Hanna-Smith stated that she spoke to a representative from the City of Lehi's power program about their participation in the Enerlyte Program. She stated that they did not assess a fee for the program to their citizens and his opinion was that a .50 fee was too much to pass on to customers. She stated that they notified the citizens of Lehi through the local newspaper that they planned to do the study. Councilmember Hanna-Smith stated that she gets the impression that the company has a good track record and are very reputable. She stated that she agrees that it is a good program but is worried about the cost assessment that would affect the customers and would like to wait one year to see what happens with the new Storm water and Emma Park projects.

Councilmember Davis stated that he received an email from the Customer Service Director, Bret Cammans regarding the Utility and Finance Departments view on the Enerlyte Program. He stated that Mr. Cammans is concerned about the time and workload that would come with implementing this type of program. He stated that the fee assessment is also a concern when customers begin calling in questioning the fee. Councilmember Davis stated that the energy and recycling programs that are in place within the municipality are impressive and going in the right direction. He stated that he thinks it is a good program but would like to wait one year before it is implemented.

Councilmember McEvoy (via phone) stated that the fee to the customer would be minimal and does not have to be set at .50 per customer. She stated that there is plenty of room on the utility bill to place information from the Enerlyte Program. She stated that Price City is leading the way with energy conservation in many aspects but that the City is still below the curve nationwide. She stated that she agrees with program to get ahead of the game and that it's a good thing to do. She stated that she thinks most customers will like the program and not be opposed to the small fee.

Finance Director, Pat Larsen stated that she contacted the City of Payson and spoke to a representative from the utility billing department that is involved in the Enerlyte Program. She stated that they are impressed with Enerlyte and it didn't cause any delays to their workload or billing, they are easy to work with and that most citizens were in agreement with the change. She stated that Payson City had kept a group of 500 people out of the program for comparison as a control group. She stated that Price City uses the Express Bill payment system and if people choose to go paperless the City saves .50 each customer which would be another money saving way to balance an increase. **MOTION.** Councilmember Tatton moved to approve the Enerlyte Energy Program as outlined by staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember McEvoy (via phone). Councilmember Hanna-Smith and Councilmember Davis both voted Nay. Councilmember Tatton and McEvoy voted Aye. The vote was a tie and did not carry.

Pat Larsen stated that there are possible rate increases coming with the Emma Park Well and Storm water projects that the Council needs to consider when looking at the overall changes but the costs are unknown until each project begins. She stated that she would estimate a cost of possibly a \$3.50 increase per customer to accommodate costs associated with those projects. Mayor Piccolo stated that he does have concerns but he believes that it should be tried and can be done without hardship to staff or the customers. He stated he approves of the project and whether or not the City passes on a small fee to the consumer would be the City Council's final decision. He stated that he sees the program as a positive step for residents and a step forward towards energy conservation and beneficial to the community and would like to support it for the contract period. He stated that the program could be evaluated as to how a fee could be implemented if necessary. He stated that the upcoming projects should be considered and that a way to possibly incorporate several project fees into one would be the best way to proceed. Nick Tatton stated that the start up fees for this project would be approximately \$2200.00, which could work out to .50 per customer. He stated that it would be a one time fee and then each month after there would be a maintenance cost of \$1700.00 which would equal

approximately 39.2 cents per customer to keep the program going on a monthly basis. Councilmember Hanna-Smith stated that she would still like to wait on the program until it is determined what will happen with those upcoming projects and the cost associated with them. Due to the vote, Mayor Piccolo stated that he would need to vote to break the tie. Mayor Piccolo asked for a roll call of votes from each Councilmember. Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Hanna-Smith voted Nay. Councilmember Tatton, Councilmember McEvoy and Mayor Piccolo voted Aye. The vote carried three (3) to two (2) by roll call. The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m. by Mayor Piccolo pursuant to the motion by Councilmember Tatton.

APPROVED

ATTEST

Joe L. Piccolo, Mayor

Laurie Tryon, City Recorder